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NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Headteacher

There has been a notable sense of energy and positivity about the start of the academic year. The pupils have already settled into their routines, producing some excellent work on an international theme. I spoke about 21st century learning skills at all the parent meetings this week and encouraging inquisitive minds is certainly a feature of our work at BJAB. Thank you for an impressive level of attendance at the parents' meetings. Please fill in the [feedback form](#) and if there is anything you would like to ask subsequently, please do not hesitate to contact me through the office. Our whole school assembly this morning, the first for a long time, was dedicated to our Value of the month which is Resilience. An apposite theme considering all we have been through together over the last 18 months. Binding our school community together through assemblies is one of my greatest joys and I am delighted the tone is now set for an exciting and productive year ahead.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Pizza and Pyjama Party 21st October
- Mud Run 2nd October (TBC)
- BJAB Ball 4th June

If you attended the Welcome Event for new families please [click here](#) to fill a feedback form.

We are always looking for content to enrich our media campaigns. If you have any photos of your child/ren on their first day, please send them to Miss Rigas [here](#).

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Reception

This week marks the first week of Reception, so much fun was had! We have settled in well, learning about our class routines and meeting our teachers. Throughout the week we have been looking at our focus country of Wales. We sang some lovely songs, created daffodils and went on a scavenger hunt collecting different clues about Wales. In addition, we have had a range of activities set up in the classroom to develop gross and fine motor skills as well as social skills. We spent time as a year group playing games and getting to know each other better. It has been an excellent week and we are looking forward to all the exciting things we are going to learn in Reception.

Reminders:

- All Reception children to come into school wearing their PE kits on Wednesdays. Please remember to bring the uniform in a separate bag.
- RD library day: Tuesday
- RB library day: Monday



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have made a great start to the new school year. They are learning the school routine and making new friends. We joined in with the whole school project week 'Where in the World' and found out a little bit more about Belgium. We made pictures using red, yellow and black paint and we decorated and ate speculoos biscuits, they were delicious. We looked at lots of pictures about Belgium.

Many of the children recognised the Atomium when they saw it. We have had a fantastic week.

- We are making a family album with the class. We would like you all to send us some pictures to help us get to know your child a little bit better. For example: a photo of your child, their family, the place where they come from and a photo of something that they love to do (riding their bike, swimming, play with trains....). You can send the photos and little bit of description by email to the office.
- Each Wednesday we have a colour day. Next week the colour is red, encourage your child to wear something **red** to school.



Year 1

This week, children in Year 1 have been learning about the USA. They have followed a road trip around the continent of the United States and have looked at various places including Niagara Falls, New Orleans and Washington DC. Children have designed and built bridges, planned their own road trip and conducted a science experiment based on the Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone National Park.



Year 2

This week, Year 2's 'Where in the World' theme was Australia. We have been finding out about famous landmarks and the fascinating animals that live there. As a class project, we have created a brochure to showcase our discoveries, including aboriginal dot paintings.



MFL

En suivant le thème de la semaine internationale, toutes les classes de français ont fait des activités sur leur pays tout en pratiquant du nouveau vocabulaire. Les années 5 ont joué à pierre, papier, ciseaux en japonais, les années 6s ont comparé des stations de métro à Moscou avec celles de Bruxelles. Dans la Lower School les années 3 étaient ravis d'en apprendre un peu plus sur les personnages de Hansel et Gretel.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 pupils settled into the routines and life at BJAB and at the same time explored the topic 'where in the world?'. Our year group learned about Germany, from reading fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm to designing and constructing a gingerbread house. It is great having the pupils back in our new and wonderful classrooms and we all look forward to a bright year ahead.

Year 4

Year 4 has been busy learning about India this week. We have been finding out all about animals that live in India as well as famous monuments and cultural traditions. We have learnt the art of rangoli and even made some giant rangoli patterns on the playground!



Year 5

Year 5 has been exploring Japanese culture this week. We have looked at the different traditions, sports and technology, followed step-by-step instructions on how to create origami animals, and built the Tokyo Tower out of straws working out how to make the sturdiest and tallest tower. The children have been writing haiku poetry inspired by Japanese art and analysed traditional Japanese tales.

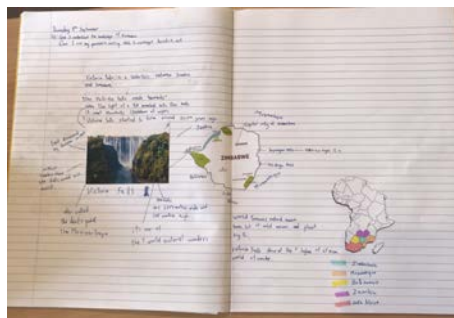


Year 6

In Year 6 pupils have been discovering the culture, history and geography of Russia. Learning how to Cossack dance, the events that led to the fall of the Russian empire and drawing scale images with Russian Dolls.

Years 7 & 8

Project week has presented Year 8 with many opportunities to work collaboratively and practise their 21st century skills. Students have enjoyed a wide array of lessons and activities, ranging from a problem-solving escape room to constructing paper bridges to writing myths about mermaids. Individual interests have lead Year 8 to produce some great projects about Zimbabwe's financial and eco system.



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